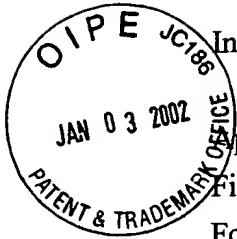


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2001, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

Applicants enclose separately a petition for a 3 month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated May 22, 2001. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper; however, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are also hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference CEO-004.01.

Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, a check for \$370.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference CEO-004.01.

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